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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03E-028 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: April 21, 2003

MANUFACTURER: Alcoa Wheel and Forged Products

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Richard L. Corliss
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SUBJECT: 50,432 Alcoa Wheel and Forged Products Classic and LTS forged aluminum light truck wheels, size 16" x 6", manufactured from June 1996 to June 1999 and sold as aftermarket equipment. Part numbers: Classic 160231, 160232, 160241, 160242, 160291, 160292, 160301, 160302 and LTS 160251, 160252, 160261, 160262, 160271, and 160272. Fatigue cracks can develop in the outboard bead seat area causing air loss in the tires. If the user ignores the problem and refills the tires to maintain pressure, the cracks may propagate around the circumference of the wheel along the bead seat of the tire, causing the face of the wheel to separate from the rim.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS

Under Part 577, a draft notification letter must be provided to the agency for review prior to mailing to your customers. We may advise that changes or edits need to be made for the letter to become compliant with the requirements of Part 577.


QUARTERLY REPORTS

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Since notification to customers will begin during the second

quarter of 2003, April 1 through June 30, Alcoa's first report must be received in this office on or before July 30, 2003.

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.13, manufacturers are required to submit a reimbursement plan for pre-notification remedies. This plan can be provided in a general format and referred to in future Defect Information Reports or you may submit a new plan for each safety-related recall. Alcoa should submit your proposed plan to this office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call:



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